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LIFE INSURANCE

THIRTIETH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HARTFORD, CONN.

For the year ending January 1, 1876. Assets, \$3,538,907.05. Liabilities, \$3,538,907.05. Surplus, \$3,538,907.05.

Assets: Real Estate, \$1,100,000.00; Bonds, \$1,100,000.00; Cash, \$1,100,000.00. Liabilities: Policyholders, \$3,538,907.05.

Surplus: \$3,538,907.05. Dividends: \$3,538,907.05. Total: \$3,538,907.05.

General Agents: J. H. Smith, J. H. Smith, J. H. Smith.

Branches: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

Capital paid up, \$200,000.00. Assets, \$3,538,907.05.

Suburban: \$200,000.00. Assets, \$3,538,907.05.

Oil Barrels: \$200,000.00. Assets, \$3,538,907.05.

Star Ball Line: \$200,000.00. Assets, \$3,538,907.05.

Prussing's White Vinegar: \$200,000.00. Assets, \$3,538,907.05.

Golden Opportunity.

GREAT ANNUAL CLEARING SALE!

RETAIL DEPARTMENT OF CARSON, PIRIE & CO., Madison and Peoria-sts.

In addition to other bargains heretofore advertised the following are offered:

300 lbs Irish Linen, celebrated make, slightly soiled and wet at recent fire in New York, will be sold at about half price.

300 lbs Bleached Huck Towels, all linen, 300 lbs Linen Damask and Huck Towels, 300 lbs Heavy Linen Damask Towels at 50c worth \$1.50.

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CROOKEDNESS.

A Nest of Custom-House Corruption Discovered at Pittsburg.

Two Officers Turning an Honest Penny by Doubling the Legal Taxes.

Congress to Call To-Day for All Documents in the Whisky Cases.

Attorney-General Pierpont Will Assume the Entire Responsibility of His Letter.

Babcock Says He Has No Present Intention of Resigning His Secretaryship.

A Plan to Simplify the Law Relating to the Tax on Distilled Spirits.

Pittsburg, Mo., Feb. 27.—The unearthing of a system of peculations, extortions, and overcharges, carried on in the Custom-House here, has created a great excitement.

It is understood that the officers of the Custom-House here, who have been recognized as leading politicians, and have ranked as high as high.

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CASUALTIES.

A Terrific Tornado and Rain-Storm at St. Charles, Mo.

Nearly Every Prominent Building in the Village Damaged.

Loss by Fire of the Mary Bell, the Largest Steamer on the Mississippi.

TORONTO. Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune. St. Louis, Feb. 27.—A terrific storm passed over the town of St. Charles, Mo., this afternoon, striking the northern part of the city, and traveling in a southerly direction down Main street.

The storm only lasted about five minutes, and presented the appearance of a huge, rolling, yellow cloud. The whole town was in a panic.

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FOREIGN.

Ostrich, with a superior Smile, "it is because you are a Hen and don't know any better."
Moral—The Moral of the foregoing is not very clear, but it contains some reference to the Agitation for Female Suffrage.

THE TWO TURKEYS.
An Honest Farmer once led his two Turkeys into his Granary and told them to eat, drink, and be merry. One of these Turkeys was wise and one foolish. The foolish Bird at once indulged exceedingly in the feast.

unconscious of the future, but the wise Fowl, in order that he might not be fattened and slaughtered, fasted continually, mortified his Flesh, and devoted himself to gloomy Reflections upon the brevity of Life.

Moral—Dum Viximus Vincamus

THE INNOCENT DOG.
A Shepherd once indicted his Dog for conspiring with a Pack of vile Curs that had worried his Sheep, whereupon the faithful Animal thus addressed him: "Sir, though Appearance may

Against me, yet I am armed so strong in Hon-
esty that, if I am but accorded an Opportunity
to be heard, I will explain to your Satisfaction all
my Communications with those Hounds." Hav-
ing said this, the honest Dog ran away and hid
himself in a

thence, but vainly, and at last, in Despair, resisted and brought in a Verdict of Acquittal. The innocent Brute thereupon Emerged, and such of his former Companions as had escaped being tendered.

MICHIGAN.

Insurance Figures—Political Straws—
Lumber—Agricultural College—Rail-
road Matters.
Special Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

ANSING, Mich., Feb. 26.—The Insurance Commissioner, in his report of the Fire and Marine Insurance Companies doing business in this State in 1875, states that three Michigan com-

report \$287,904 premiums received, 4,446 losses incurred, and \$118,643 losses. One hundred and three companies of other classes, premiums received, \$1,884,262; losses incurred, \$1,112,193; losses paid, \$1,027,222.

losses incurred. \$48,053; losses paid, \$51,-
Ten foreign companies, premiums re-
d, \$216,397; losses incurred, \$21,000.

paid, \$86,281,—making total premiums
 ved, \$2,525,311; losses incurred, \$1,374,
 losses paid, \$1,357,897. There are thirty-
 Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Com-

Charles Crave was accidentally poisoned while party at Prairieville, Barry County, a few days ago, and died on Thursday.

The Hastings *Bazaar* held

The Jackson County is canvassing the names of Hayes and Hartranft. A with postal-cards for Burnside and Delzell. The Lake News favors Senator Ferry for president.

lonia Sentinel says that 625 car-loads of
have passed over the Detroit, Lansing
Michigan Railroad since Feb. 1,—being
than twice the amount during the same
winter.

examinations for admission into the senior class of the Agricultural College, sixty presented themselves, including three from other States (Illinois, Wisconsin, and California). Two of the applicants were ladies.

of the applicants failed to pass in one studies, and were rejected, leaving forty to have entered as regular students.

road-bed of the Chicago & Lake Huron from this city to Vernon Junction; but, statements made by gentlemen interested in the road, it appears that work will be commenced in the spring. But

of the Chicago & Lake Huron Road de-
clares that there is some movement
which is kept very quiet.

RAILROAD NEWS

CHICAGO AND THE CANADA PACIFIC.

Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

Feb. 26.—At this time there is congestion on the decrease of the con-power in this city on the handling of breadstuffs, large quantities of these which formerly came from the

ing Toledo and other Eastern points, use of this decrease is being fathered on Western railroads and the elevators. Such, to a certain extent, is the case: though

last few years, crossing this State to east and seeking Lake Erie western end, have left this city to

and the arrangements between the
d Western roads meeting here have
ly made it a way-station. These cir-
coupled with the elevator monopoly,

commerce which was the beginning of
city and present greatness of this city.
all other considerations, the compa-
rison between the head of navigation

rie and of Lake Michigan, and as
will fall into channels from which it
wards to divert it, and cities that
colled the commerce of a continent.

fect, or pride of position, are left on
the condition of many cities in the
ill testify.—it would be well for Chi-
cago to leave her commanding position, of
which she has boasted so long, to make an effort

the building up of a channel of
would be naturally her own.

to bear a strong relation to the
his city, and that is the Georgian
beginning at a point undetermined
in the Georgian Bay, between Parry
the French River, and running east
River, Port, &c.

longitude nearly as far east as the vessels delivering their cargoes at terminus of this road will have for cargoes as near tide-water as if and them all the way through the

Chair Flats (with all the delays
Lake Erie to Buffalo.
It will ultimately be built, though
in the Canadian House of Com-
munity of building it now.

the main reason that there would be to pay the running expenses to come, and that there are other things Lake Huron and Georgian

There will, of course, be no traffic, but a road such as the branch, connecting Georgian tide-water, and built on

...ult a heavy traffic from
ould command all the trade of
and Superior during the season
and place ports on these lakes
European trade than by any of

House of Commons are debating building of this road on a traffic basis. West

the early building of the road,
 other outlet for the trade of this
 the west. R.

STEAMSHIP NEWS.
Feb. 27.—Arrived, the Pommer-
York.

The usual symptoms of this disease are of the lungs or throat, hoarse-breathing, hectic fever, a spitting of and sometimes blood. It is an inflamed skin lining the inside of the trachea or air vessels which run

of the lungs. Jayne's Expectorant
eases the cough, pain, inflamma-
tion, difficulty of breathing; produces a
copious expectoration, and effects a speedy

and Lime.—That pleases
in the cure of all consumptive
Compound of Pure Cod Liver

gh or Cold.—As soon as
not uneasiness of the chest, with
as an indication

"Brown's Bronchial Treatment."



FINANCE AND TRADE.

Improvement in Local Finances
Last Week—Deposits
Higher.More Activity in Loans—Collections
Better—Western Movement
of Currency.The Produce Markets Irregular—Provisions
Firm—Wheat Stronger
—Corn Steadier.

FINANCIAL.

There were signs of improvement in local finances

last week. The receipts of the banks, particularly from the country, have exceeded their disbursements, and deposit lines have begun to mount up, while at the same time there has been an increase of activity in city business, and the prospect of still further volume of transactions is afforded sufficiently to reveal the loan market from the complete depression in which it has been for some time. The approach of the first of the month makes it necessary for Board of Trade operators to look to the accommodation of their regular customers, and in some cases, there is a surplus of trade bills outside applicants.

Rates of discount are 9 1/2 per cent on the bank.

On the street, there is a fair demand for good negotiable paper. Rates are 9 1/2 per cent.

New York exchange was flat and was offered at the discount on \$100 between for currency.

The order from the country for currency were light. Shipments of currency are being ordered from New York by Chicago banks.

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GOVERNMENT BONDS.

United States 5s of '81.....	123.	123s
United States 5-20s of '81.....	117 1/2.	117
5-20s of '81-January and July.....	119.	119
5-20s of '81-January and July.....	121 1/2.	121
5-20s of '81-January and July.....	123.	123
10-40s.....	117 1/2.	117
United States 4s of '81.....	118 1/2.	119
United States currency 5s.....	123 1/2.	123

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